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E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, ENRG, EAGR, SA

SUBJ: NEWSPAPER CLAIMS SAUDIS SEEK OIL FOR WHEAT DEAL  
WITH AUSTRALIA

REF : CANBERRA 6803

1. THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR HERE TOLD ME THAT A MEDIUM-LEVEL SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAD RAISED VAGUELY WITH HIM AND WITH CREIGHTON BURNS THE POSSIBILITY OF A TRADE OF AUSTRALIAN WHEAT FOR SAUDI OIL. THE OFFICIAL WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE A FORMAL PROPOSAL AND NONE WAS MADE BY HIM OR ANYONE ELSE. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, WHO SAW BURNS, ALSO MENTIONED SUCH A TRADE AS SOMETHING WHICH MIGHT EVENTUALLY INTEREST THE SAUDIS.

2. I HAD LUNCH WITH BURNS AND THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 10. THE SUBJECT OF A WHEAT-FOR-OIL DEAL WAS NOT RAISED. BURNS' QUESTIONS WERE GENERAL, RATHER PHILOSOPHICAL AND HE DID NOT RPT NOT TAKE NOTES. AS FAR AS I CAN RECALL I SHOWED NO SIGNS OF "UNEASE"; QUITE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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TRARY, THINGS SEEMED TO BE GOING QUITE WELL FOR US.

3. THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR THINKS BURNS MAY HAVE  
CONFUSED THE AMERICAN WITH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR WHO  
TENDS TO LOOK AT THINGS THROUGH GREY-COLORED GLASSES AND  
WHO IS PARTICULARLY PAINED BY THE PROGRESS AMERICAN  
GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS HAVE MADE IN SAUDI ARABIA IN  
THE LAST YEAR.

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